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SUBJECT: Maldivian government requests return of national detained at Guantanamo

Ref: Colombo 1493 (Notal)

(U) Classified by James F. Entwistle, Deputy Chief of Mission. Reasons 1.5 (b,d).

1. (S/NF) This is an Action Request -- Please see Para 3.

2. (S/NF) On November 18, Mission received a letter dated November 5 from the Maldivian government requesting the release and return to the Maldives of Ibrahim Fauzee (or Fouwzy), a Maldivian national detained at Guantanamo (see Para 4 for text of the GoRM letter). In addition to requesting Fauzee's release, the letter (addressed to the DCM) thanked the U.S. for its assistance in arranging an August visit by Maldivian government personnel to Guantanamo to interrogate Fauzee. In a readout with DCM following their August visit (see Reftel), the Maldivian officials expressed their assessment that Fauzee had not/not been involved in terrorist-related activities, although they said they needed to check out some of the information Fauzee had relayed to them in Guantanamo before reaching a definitive conclusion about him and possibly requesting his return. The GoRM has now evidently completed that investigation and concluded that Fauzee poses no threat.

3. (S/NF) ACTION REQUEST. Mission requests Department's guidance on how to respond to the Maldivian government's request for release of Fauzee. END ACTION REQUEST.

4. (S/NF) The Maldivian government's letter follows:

Begin Text:

5 November 2003

Dear Mr. Entwistle,

With reference to our discussion about the possibility of securing the release of Mr. Ibrahim Fauzee, the Maldivian national who is being held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, I would like to convey to you that the Government of Maldives would be very pleased if Mr. Fauzee could be released and allowed to return to the Maldives.

In this regard, I wish to thank you very much for all the assistance rendered to the two officials from the Ministry of Defense and National Security, who went to the US to meet with relevant US authorities and with Mr. Ibrahim Fauzee.

Yours sincerely,
/signed/
Ahmed Shaheed
Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Male', Maldives

End Text.

5. (U) Minimize considered.

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